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SYMBOLGY AND COMPENSATION METHODS**

Divisional Application of:

APPLICANT: SCHUESSLER                      GROUP ART UNIT: 2876  
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**Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 25-38 and amend Claim 1 as follows:

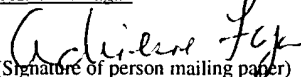
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